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SUBJECT: DAYAN VIEWS ON MID EAST DIPLOMACY AND SETTLEMENT WITH
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1. JERUSALEM REPORTER HARIF EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONVICTION,
IN CONVERSATION WIFFERENT EMBOFF OCT 2 FROM THE ONE WITH
WHOM HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER SEP 19 (REFTEL), THAT HIS
LONG MAARIV ARTICLE SUMMARIIZING DAYAN' CURRENT THINKING ON
POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT (TEL AVIV 7267 NOTAL) WAS
ACCURATE. HARIF POINTED OUT THAT DEFMIN HAD ISSUED DENIAL OF
LONDON SUNDAY TIMES SEPTEMBER 23 ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT BUT
HAD NOT DENIED ANYTHING WHICH HARIF HAD WRITTEN.

2. ACCORDING TO HARIF, AUTHOR OF SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE HAD
NOT UNDERSTOOD EITHER DAYAN'S PURPOSE OR THRUST OF HIS THINKING.
BRITISH ARTICLE HAD TRIED TO NAIL DAYAN DOWN WITH TOO MANY
SPECIFIC DETAILS. DAYAN'S INTEREST, ACCORDING TO HARIF, WAS
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TO GIVE US ADMINISTRATION INDICATION OF FRESH ISRAELI IDEAS

TO DRAW EGYPT INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ALSO, WITH DEPARTURE OF SOVIETS, DAYAN BELIEVED THAT ISRAEL COULD AFFORD TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN SEVERAL YEARS AGO. IF EBAN WOULD HAVE PUT FORWARD IDEAS SUGGESTED BY DAYAN, HARIF NOTED, ISRAELI PRESS WOULD HAVE JUMPED ON HIM FOR JEOPARDIZING ISRAEL'S SECURITY INTERESTS. NO NEGOTIATING POSITION COULD BE ACCEPTED BY GOI IF DAYAN DID NOT GIVE HIS SEAL OF APPROVAL.

3. HARIF SAID FURTHER THAT HE WAS SURE THAT GOVT LEADERSHIP WOULD CARRY OUT INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS AFTER ELECTIONS TO FORMULATE GOI POSITION. HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF MRS MEIR WENT TO WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY.
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